

HOUSE BILL 3376

By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12,
Chapter 3 and Title 12, Chapter 4, relative to
public bidding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, Part 8, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

12-3-8__.

(a) For purposes of this section, a "preferred vendor" means a business:

- (1) Incorporated in this state;
- (2) That has its principal place of business in this state; and
- (3) Whose workforce is composed of at least eighty (80) percent of

Tennessee residents.

(b) The state or any political subdivision thereof may award a contract to a
preferred vendor instead of the lowest responsible and responsive bidder as long as the
preferred vendor's bid is no more than five percent (5%) greater than the bid of the
lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.